

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.

I urge the FCC to
seek a restraining
order on the
Sinclair stations so
they don't air the
"Stolen Honor"
program, or, if
they do, they honor
the spirit of the
(lost under Reagan
admin) old
equal-time
regulations and air
"Going Upriver" also
in prime time, also
before the election.

I find it ludicrous

that Sinclair would
even consider a
movie about events
that happened thirty
years ago as "news".